MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: പി. ഡബ്ലിയു. ഡി. ക്ലിറേറും നാട്ടിൽ നടക്കുന്ന ക്ലിറേറും തമ്മിൽ വലിയ വ്യത്യാസമുണ്ടെന്ന് ഈ സഭയിൽതന്നെ അനേകം പേർ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതു ചീഫ് എഞ്ചിനീയർ അവർകൾ കേട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: കേട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: അതു കേട്ടിട്ടുള്ള നിലയ്ക്ക് "Government is not aware" എന്ന മറുപടി പറയാൻ കാരണമെന്ത്?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The second part of the question answers the first.

MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: You will kindly read the question; with all that, you have covered the question by "no".

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: But the "no" is qualified by the second part.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the rate of 22 chuckrams now given is not low?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I do not consider so.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: May I know, why?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Actually, Sir, it is a very complicated question. If I am to explain to the House I am afraid, I will take up the time of the House for a whole day.

MR. K. A. MAHOMED: May I know whether the Chief Engineer is aware of the local conditions?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes Sir.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I tell him that he has to learn a lot of the local conditions?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I do not say that I am a past master in State matters.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether he is aware of the statement made on the floor of the House on the last session that there was a scheme prepared adumbrating a ten year programme for the improvement of the roads?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No, Sir. I am not so sure of that. During the war some schemes were made, but actually they did not crystallise.

Roads.

85. * MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have prepared any scheme for providing more roads in the State; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased to place a copy of the scheme on the table?

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DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) There is no scheme as such prepared.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

Vaikom-Kottayam road.

86. ✻ MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any allotment has been made in this year's budget for the construction of the Vaikom-Kottayam road *via* Vetchoor and Kumarakom ; and

(*b*) if so, whether the work was done this year ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The pile-driving for the construction of the Konathattu bridge in the III Section of the road is in progress.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR : May I know the items of the roads provided in the next year's budget ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN : As soon as the Konathattu Bridge portion of the work is over the other works will be taken up.

Candidates who applied for selection to the Medical Colleges.

87. ✻ MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the names of candidates (with the examinations they have passed and the ranks or distinction they have secured, if any) who applied to Government for selection to the Medical Colleges of Madras and Calcutta for 1946-47 ; and

(*b*) the names of those selected for the same?

MR. S. JOHN (*Surgeon-General*); (*a*) A list of the candidates who applied for admission to the Medical Colleges is placed on the Secretary's table.

(*b*) *Madras Medical College.*

1. Mr. S. Velappan.
2. Mr. J. S. Satyadas.
3. Mr. K. Kuruvilla.
4. Miss. A. Nafeesa Beevi.

Carmichael Medical College, Calcutta.

1. Mr. K. Samu Aiyar.
2. Mr. V. Rajasekharan Nair.

Admission to Medical College.

88. ✻ MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any Nadar was selected for admission to Medical College, Madras within 5 years ; and

(*b*) whether there was any Nadar applicant ?

MR. S. JOHN : (*a*) Two Nadars (Christians) have been selected.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR : May I know whether there was any Hindu Nadar selected ?

MR. S. JOHN : Nadar Christians were selected.

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